

# Le Lab quantique

# What we've achieved since Oct. 2018

**3 Meetups**

**2 hackathons**

**1 major conference with BPI France (QCB)**

**1 event at Station F**

*A Meetup community > 500 members*

# Next ?

Projet submitted to the « Mission Fortezza » towards a National Plan on Quantum Technologies:

*L'ambition du Lab Quantique est de placer la France sur la carte mondiale de sites d'excellence quantique en développant les liens étroits qui unissent acteurs académiques, industriels et investisseurs, en interaction avec le système d'innovation français*

Ecosystème

Accélération

Nouveau mode de coordination

Under the High Patronage of  
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# THE FIRST GLOBAL GATHERING OF THE **DEEP TECH ECOSYSTEM**

Header – Deep Tech Week

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## Quantum Cyber-Security : Impact And Challenges

March, 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 – 9h - 12h30



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**QUANTUM COMPUTING BUSINESS**

23/06/2020

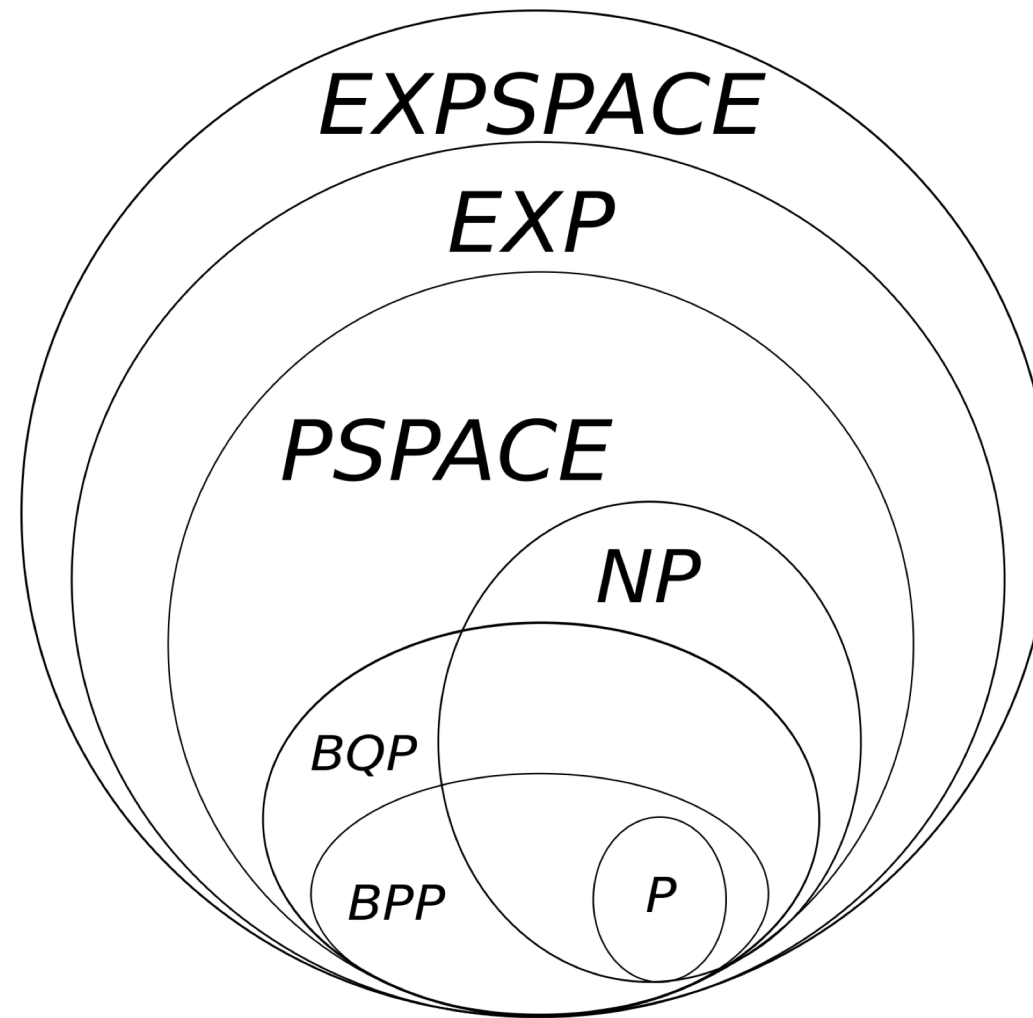
Guest star: John Martinis

# Quantum Algorithms

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Leonard Wossnig  
*Chief Executive Officer*

## Why quantum?





## Outlook for quantum algorithms in 2020

### High level overview:

- ✓ (Quantum) algorithms are split in two different types:
  - Heuristics (variational optimizers like VQE, etc., QAOA, Annealing)
  - Algorithms with provable guarantees (QLSA, PE, Grover's, etc.)
- ✓ Different guarantees, requirements, and timelines apply
- ✓ Benchmarking versus proof: Yet, we neglect the overheads!
- ✓ Wide range of applications including



## Content of the talk

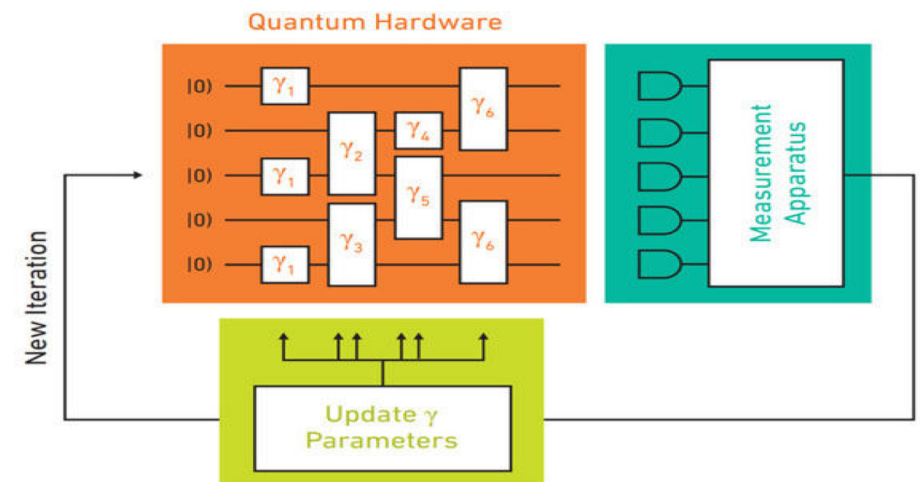
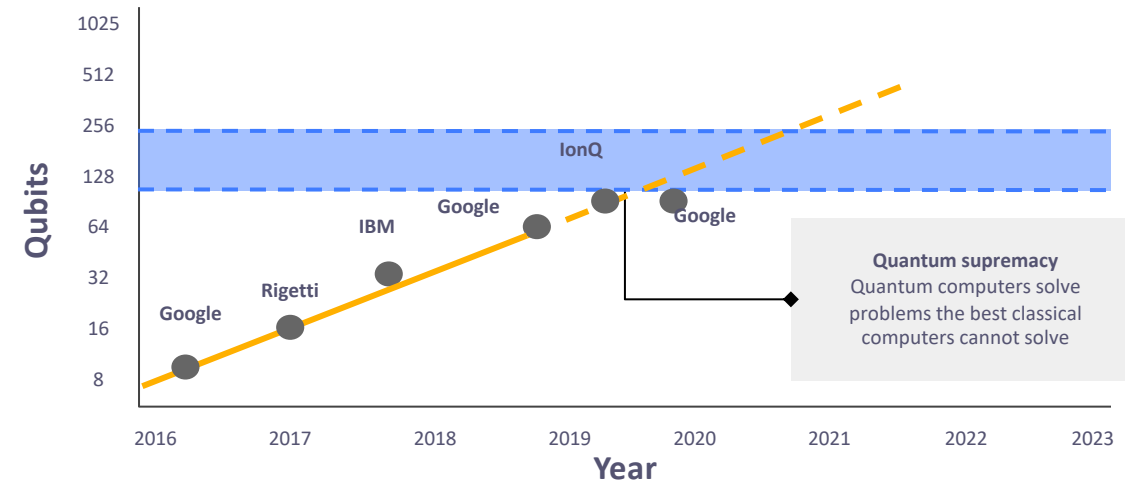
1. Quantum computers today
2. Quantum algorithms with provable guarantees
3. Quantum Heuristics
4. Conclusion
5. Rahko's approach

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## Quantum computers today

We are in the 'NISQ' era of quantum computing. This means:

- ✓ Noisy intermediate scale quantum computers
- ✓ Only a few quantum computers are available with a few qubits (currently ~53) each
- ✓ Qubits are hard to control, and no error correction possible
- ✓ Can only run Heuristic algorithms
- ✓ Can only use error mitigation



## Algorithms with provable guarantees

### Applications/Types:

- ✓ Algorithms based on Phase Estimation and Hamiltonian Simulation, for example linear systems, recommendation systems, SDPs, or chemistry simulations
- ✓ Algorithms based on Grover's (AA/AE)
- ✓ Algorithms for integer factorization, i.e., Shor's

### Pros:

- ✓ Typically polynomial speedups and in certain cases up to exponential ones (Chem, Encrypt.)
- ✓ Inspired new classical algorithms

### Cons:

## Quantum Heuristics

### Applications/Types:

- ✓ Simulation of chemistry and approximation of quantum states via VQE
- ✓ Machine learning, e.g. QGANs
- ✓ Optimization with e.g. QAOA
- ✓ Factoring and numerical (algebraic) operations with variational algorithms

### Pros:

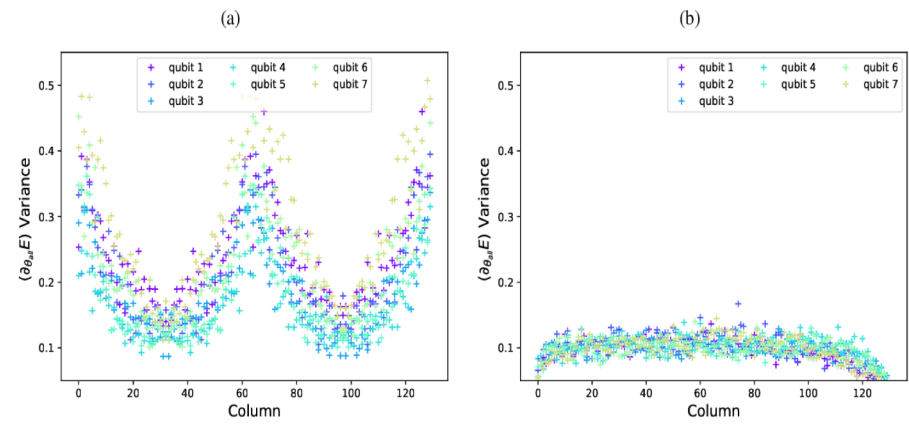
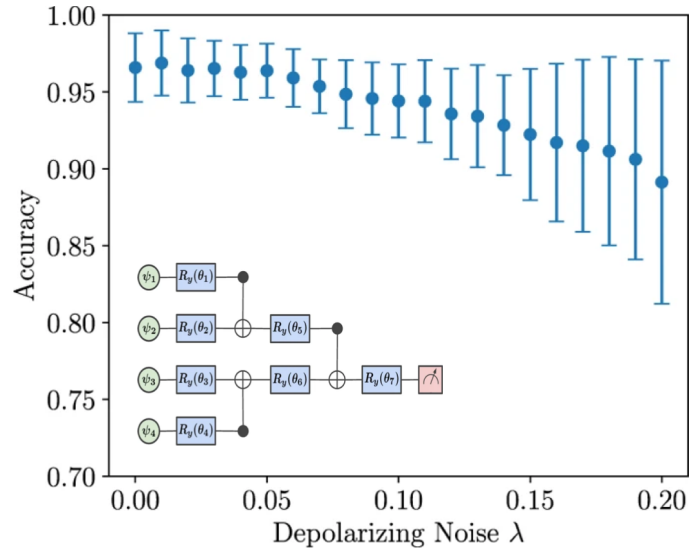
- ✓ Promising first applications for some areas, such as quantum chemistry
- ✓ Algorithms can be run on current devices

### Cons:

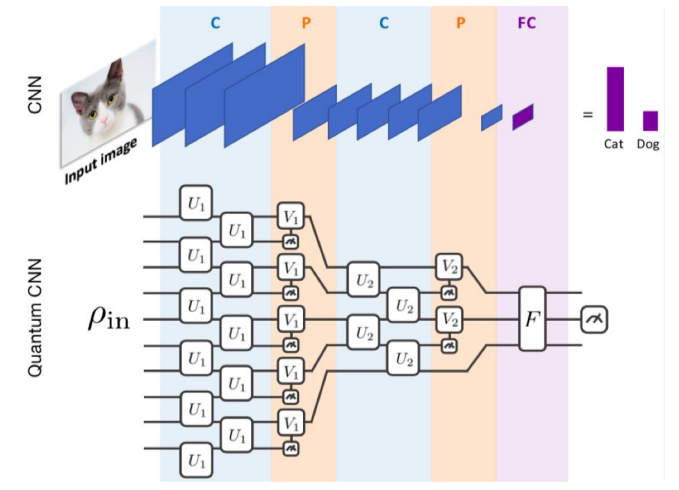
- ✓ No theoretical guarantees possible, and unclear whether there is an advantage
- ✓ Scaling in particular is not entirely understood and larger-than-NISQ number of qubits likely required to be classically intractable (e.g. in optimization)

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## However, lots of interesting results!

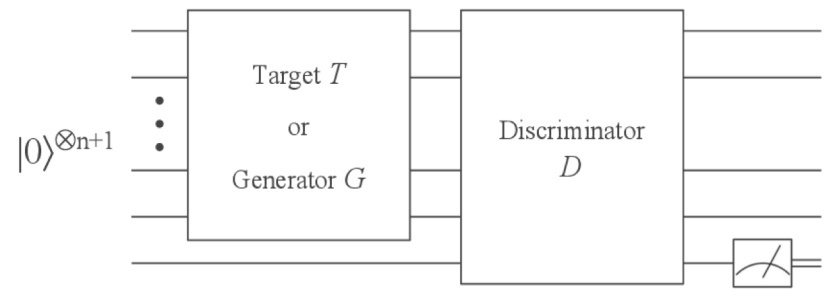


Grant *et al*, 2019

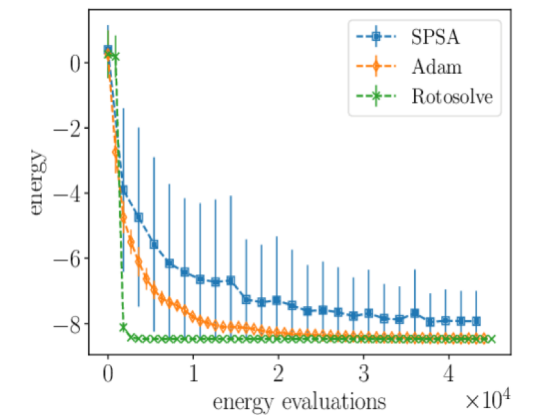
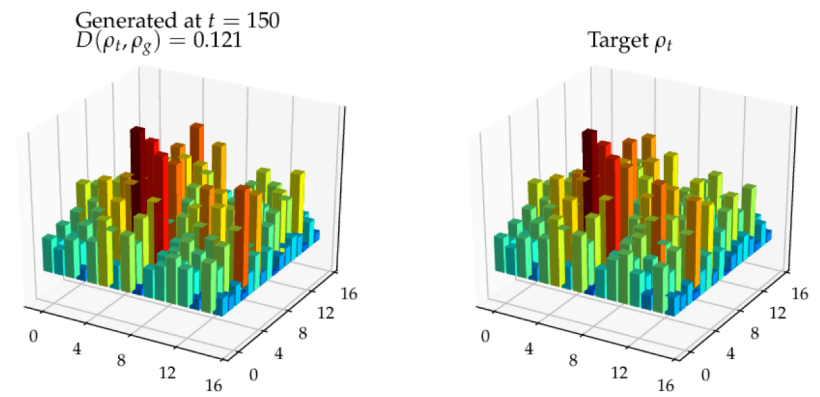


Cong *et al*, Nat Physics 2019

Grant *et al*, npj Quantum Information 2018



Benedetti *et al*, New Journal of Physics 2018



Ostaszewski *et al*, 2019

## Conclusions

### The good:

- ✓ Up to exponential advantages in the long term for chemistry applications
- ✓ Other advantages for ML, Optimisation, etc. possible
- ✓ Near term advantage possible
- ✓ Quantum inspired methods already useful today and used in industry

### NISQ needs more work:

- ✓ Novel methods comparably to classical ones need to be developed in chemistry
- ✓ Better strategies to mitigate device errors necessary
- ✓ Better empirical understanding needed. e.g., scaling analysis etc.

## Rahko's approach

**We offer:**

- ✓ QiML SaaS or on-premise software for fast chemistry simulation, reducing costs by up to 50%, e.g., for high-throughput screening
- ✓ Develop proof of concepts and long-term relationships with customers for NISQ and FECQ computation
- ✓ Education of customers about applications in chemistry, materials, and pharmaceuticals



**AWS announced their partner program this month.  
Rahko is one of the six partners and the only European one.  
We work today with our customers to reduce their costs.**

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For more information - reach out to [info@rahko.ai](mailto:info@rahko.ai) or see [www.rahko.ai](http://www.rahko.ai).

*We are partnering with customers to solve their problems using quantum machine learning*



# CRYPTONEXT SECURITY

We protect your data against the quantum computer

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150 publications



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development (ID Quantique)

R&D Team: 5 phd+internships

# AGENDA

le lab  
quantique

## Is Quantum Supremacy changing everything ?



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Co-Founder

**LightOn**  
the bring light to AI

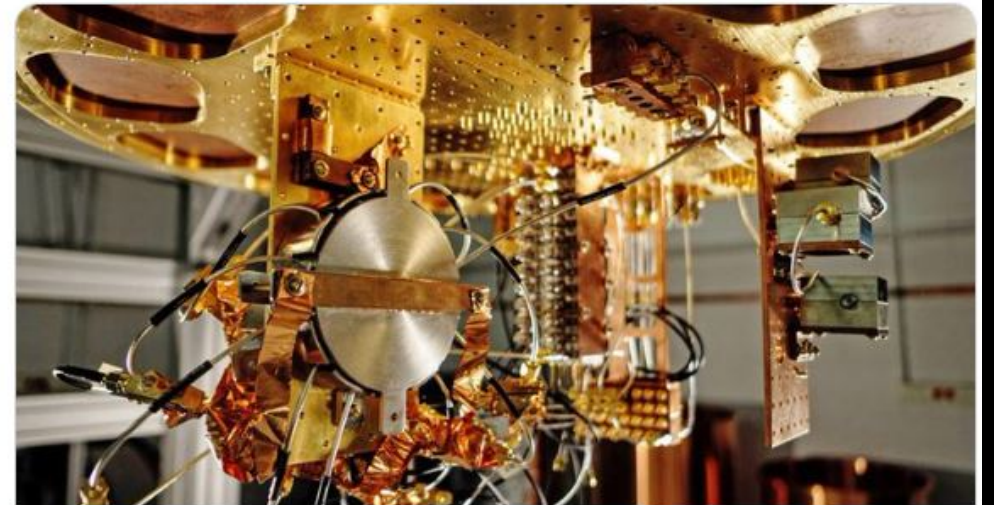
# AGENDA

- **Security Challenge**
- **Standardization Challenge**
- **Deployment Challenge**



**Andrew Yang**   
@AndrewYang

Google achieving quantum computing is a huge deal. It means, among many other things, that no code is uncrackable.



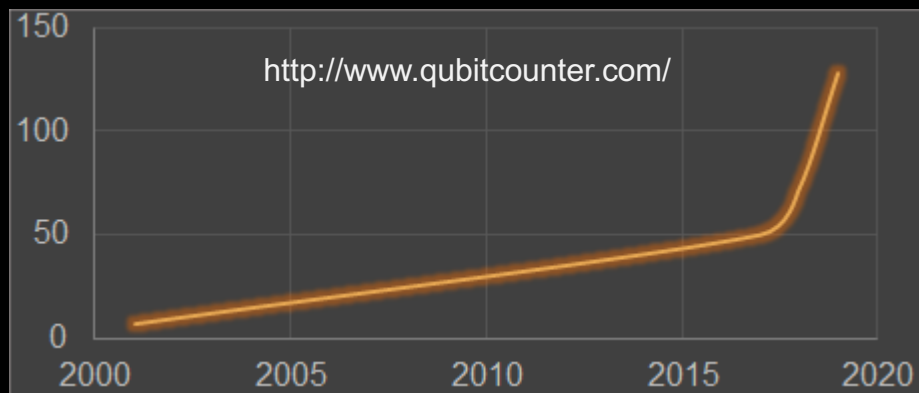
Google reportedly attains 'quantum supremacy'  
Its quantum computer can solve tasks that are otherwise unsolvable, a report says.  
[cnet.com](https://www.cnet.com)



# SECURITY CHALLENGE

# QUANTUM COMPUTERS ARE COMING FAST

- First versions commercially available today
- Exponential power increase since 1998



ATOS ANNOUNCES WORLD FIRST IN QUANTUM COMPUTING

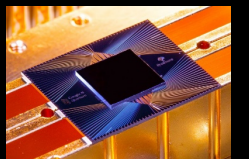
Atos Quantum Learning Machine can now simulate real Qubits.



IBM Helps Researchers Explore the Impossible With New IBM Q System One

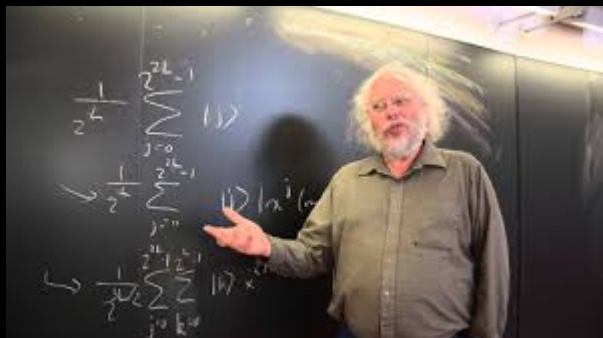


Hello quantum world! Google publishes landmark quantum supremacy claim





# THE QUANTUM THREAT



Factoring  $N = pq$  in  $O(\text{poly}(\log N))$



Exhaustive search in  $O(2^{n/2})$

COMPUTER

Time to break current standard (RSA-1024)

Classical

~ 400 years

Quantum

< 1.2 h

C. Gidney and M. Eker.

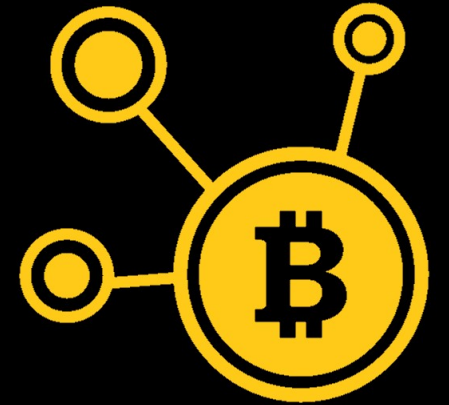
*"How to factor 2048 bit RSA integers in 8 hours using 20 million noisy qubits."*, 2019.



Variational Quantum Factoring (40 Bit, 2019) at

# CONSEQUENCES OF QUANTUM THREAT

- Sensitive data exposed
  - VPN links no more secure
- End of e-commerce
  - no more trust for on-line transactions
- Identity theft
  - Cryptocurrencies stolen
  - financial transactions
- Unauthorized remote access control
  - Planes, satellites, missiles, etc





## DATA ARE ALREADY AT RISK TODAY

Harvest data to decrypt it once a quantum computer will be available.



Kazakhstan government is now intercepting all HTTPS traffic



# STANDARDIZATION CHALLENGE

# RISK PERCEIVED AS MAJOR SINCE 2016

*“Quantum risk is now simply too high and can no longer be ignored”,*

US National Institute of Standards and Technology, 2016



*“For use cases requiring a long-lived protection of the information ( $\geq 20$  years), it is advised to **start taking the quantum threat into account.**”*

*“Enhance the crypto agility of existing products with quantum-safe cryptography, in order to facilitate the medium term transition.”*

ANSSI, 2018



*« Plan National Quantique », leded by P. Forteza (French gouvernement)*

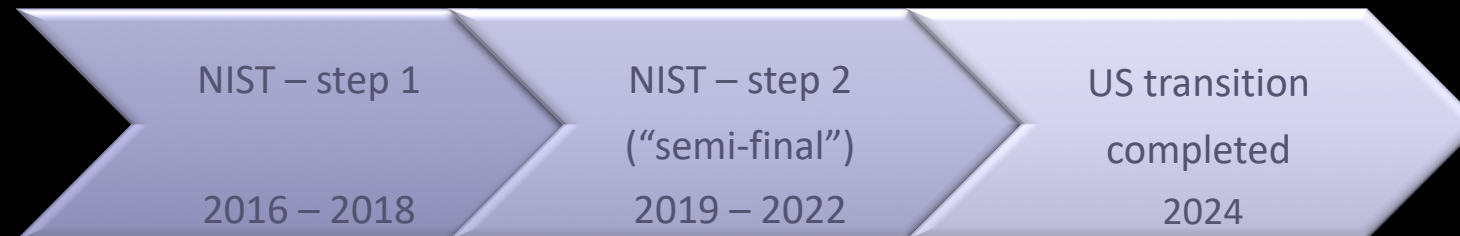


# NEW QUANTUM-SAFE STANDARDS ARE IN DEFINITION



- *“Transition of US IT government infrastructure to a post-quantum cryptography will be completed by 2024”.*
- M. Scholl, NIST, 2017

- Selection of **cryptographic** standards: NIST post-quantum competition
  - Several cryptographic functions standardized in **2022**
    - **Key-exchange and signature**

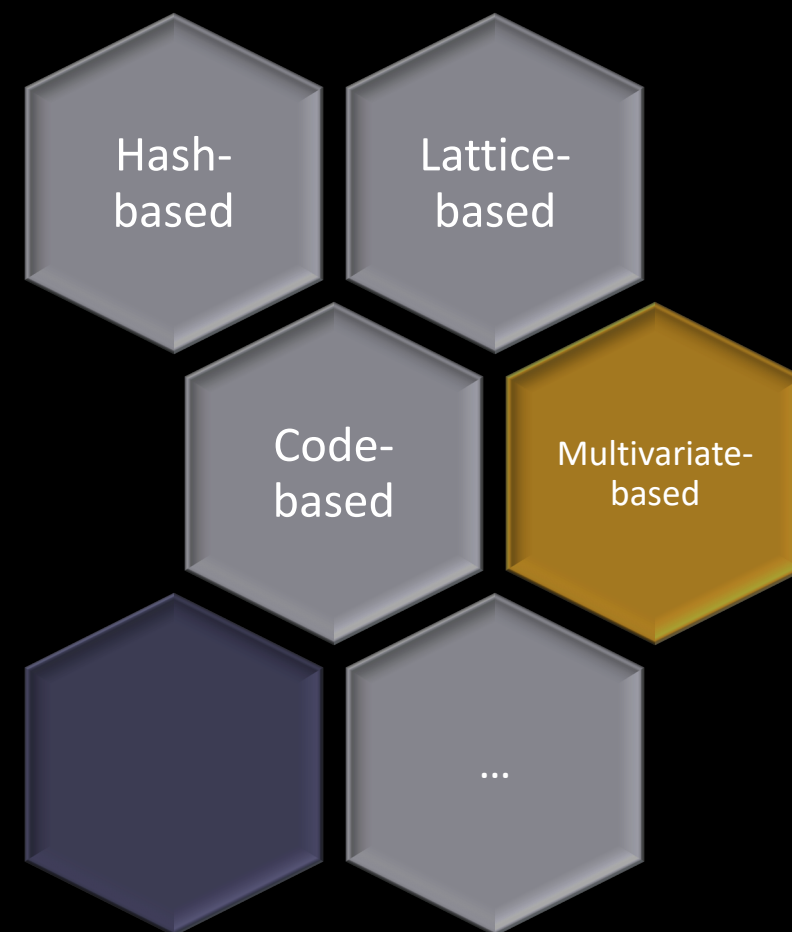


- China: a concurrent process, ending **end 2019**

# PUBLIC-KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY : THE CORE ISSUE

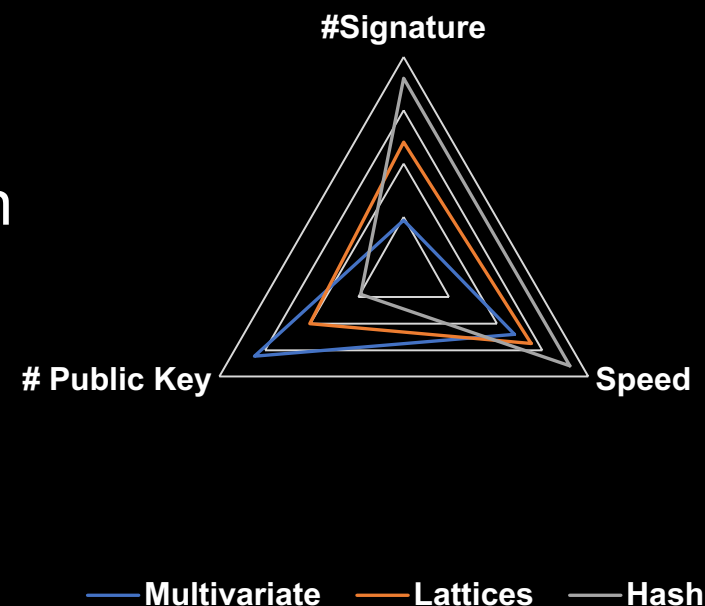
- Current public-key cryptographic standards are based on mathematical problems that are **easy for a quantum computer**
- New harder quantum-safe mathematical problems are currently evaluated by standardization bodies (NIST, ETSI, ISO, ....)
- Example : Multivariate crypto hard problem solving a system of non-linear equations

$$\begin{cases} x_1x_4 + x_1x_5 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 + x_3x_4 + x_4 + x_5 + 1 = 0 \\ x_1x_3 + x_1x_5 + x_2x_4 + x_3x_4 + x_3x_5 + x_2 + x_5 + 1 = 0 \\ x_1x_3 + x_1x_4 + x_1x_5 + x_2x_5 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_1x_3 + x_1x_5 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 + x_2x_5 + x_3x_5 + x_4x_5 + x_1 + x_5 + 1 = 0 \\ x_1x_2 + x_1x_4 + x_1x_5 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_5 + x_3x_4 + x_4x_5 + x_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$



## A GLOBAL EXPERTISE IS REQUIRED

- There is no ideal candidate for a drop-in replacement.
- Several standards will likely be defined in function of the application.
- Optimization is key for the deployment of upcoming quantum-safe standards into current security protocols.
- This requires a high-level expertise.



High level comparison for signatures schemes submitted to the NIST competition.

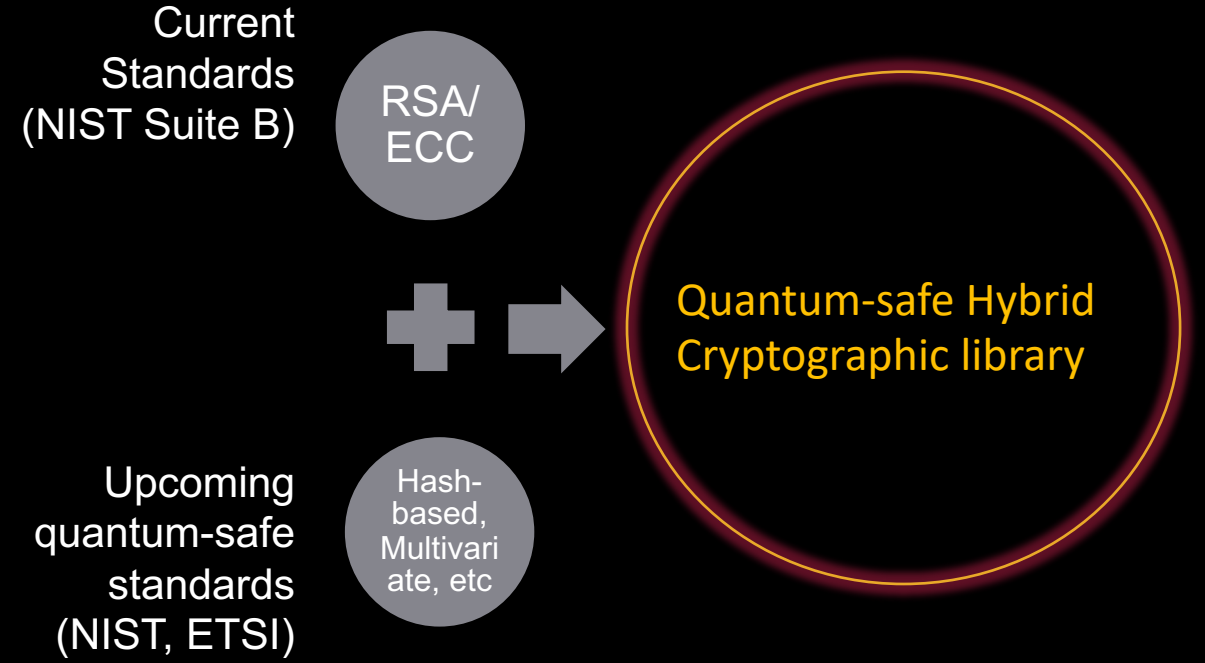




# DEPLOYMENT CHALLENGE

# CRYPTONEXT: SOFTWARE THAT ELIMINATES THE QUANTUM THREAT

- Ready for deployment **today**
- Smooth transition to quantum-safe
- **Easy integration**
- **Transparent** for final users
- **Compliant** with future standards



# PRODUCTS

## Cryptographic library (MVP)

Technological core of CryptoNext Security

Easy integration into security

product/services (multiple verticals)

**Optimized** : Efficient + available for multiple architectures (from PC → IOT)

**On-going IP** on secure implementations

## Quantum-Safe VPN (2021)

- Security product build on top of the library
- Protect communication for the **long term**
- To be **certified** by a national security security agency (ANSSI, France)

CONSULTING/STUDY

POC/POV

LICENSE

# REAL-LIFE DEPLOYMENT OF CRYPTONEXT SOFTWARE IN 2016

- Successful MVP of a smartphone **quantum-safe messaging application** for French Special Forces



*Picture taken during the experiments (150 participants from special forces)*

# DEMONSTRATION



User 1



User 2



User 3

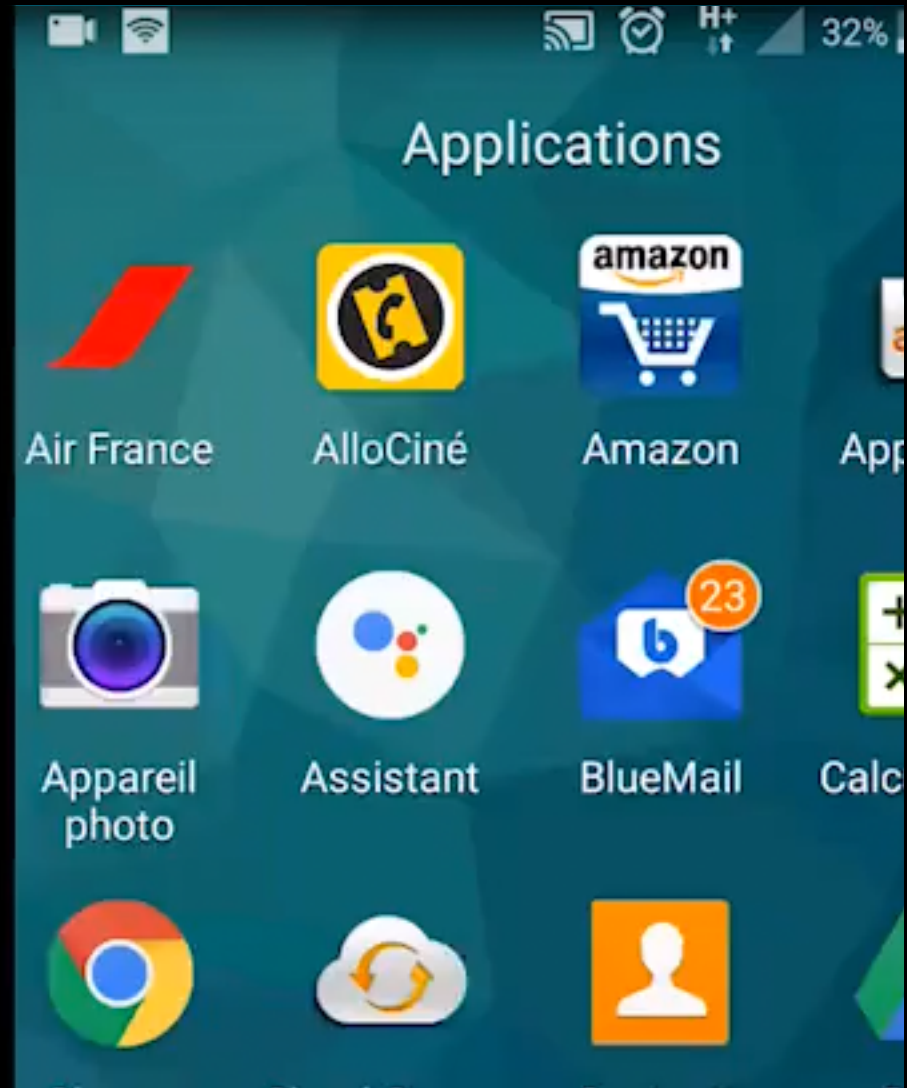
Message

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Document

Quantum-Safe Key Exchange  
+ AES

# DEMONSTRATION



<https://cryptonext-security.com/images/demo.mp4>



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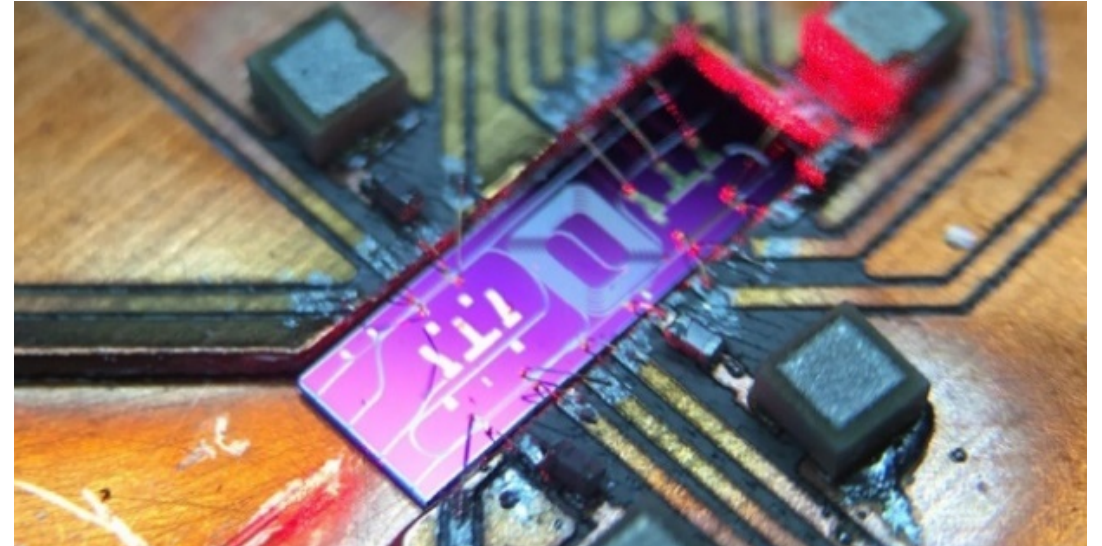
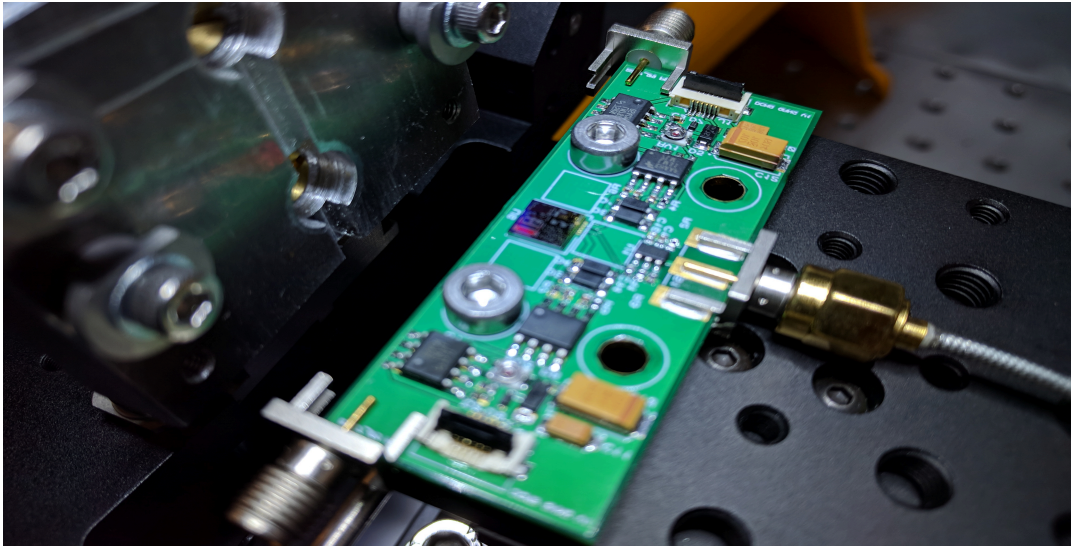
THE FUTURE OF SECURE COMMUNICATIONS



**Winner 2018**

UK's  
Most Innovative  
Small Cyber  
Security Company

KETS is the **first** company with an on-chip quantum encryption solution.





# DEPLOYMENT OF CRYPTONEXT SOFTWARE IN 2020 (Q1)

Leader  
Signature  
Electronique  
en France



Protection contre  
l'ordinateur  
quantique



- Signature la plus **complète** et **sécurisée** du marché
- Solution **hybride** permettant de garder la conformité avec les normes actuelles
- **Anticipation** des nouveaux standards pour faire un choix de solution optimal
- Planification de la transition et **évaluation** de son impact



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# THEY SUPPORT US

CryptoNext is a **spin-off** from INRIA Paris and Sorbonne University incorporated in June 2019.



**Incubated** by Agoranov



Project **selected** by WILCO (2019, Digital accelerator) and Cyber@StationF (cybersecurity accelerator)



Member of the « Lab Quantique »



Hello Tomorrow **Deep Tech Pioneers 2020** (5,000 applications from 128 countries) and **Future 40** of Station F



hello tomorrow

STATION F  
**FUTURE 40**

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# Is Quantum Supremacy changing everything ?

a « random » view from a « photon » guy

*Sylvain Gigan*

*Le Lab Quantique Meet'up*

*Dec 17, 2019*

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## Our Goal :

Understand and exploit the complexity of  
light propagation in complex media

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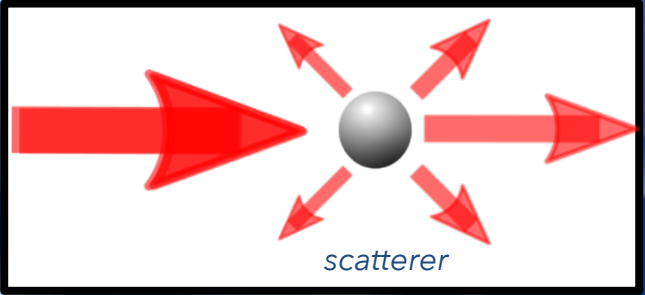


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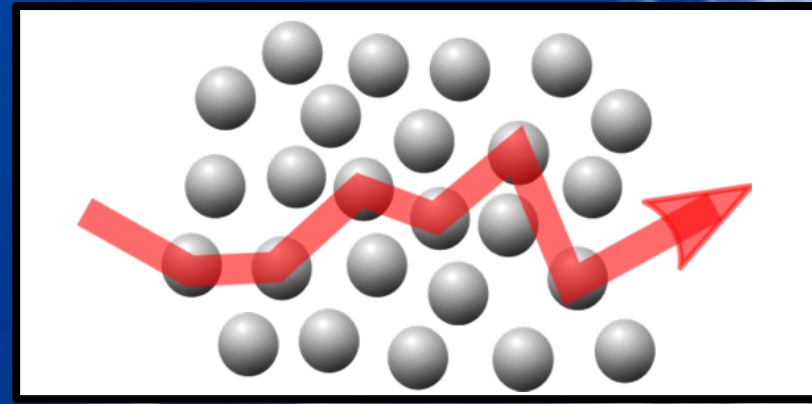
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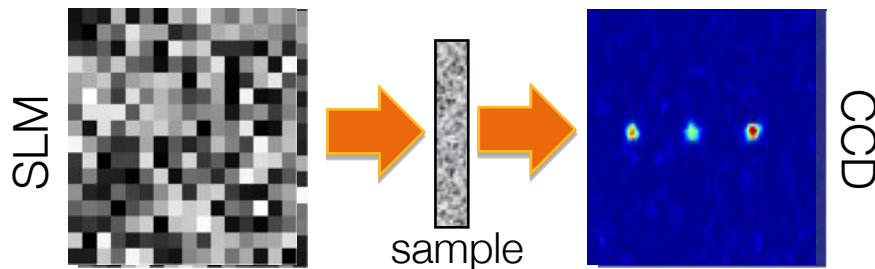
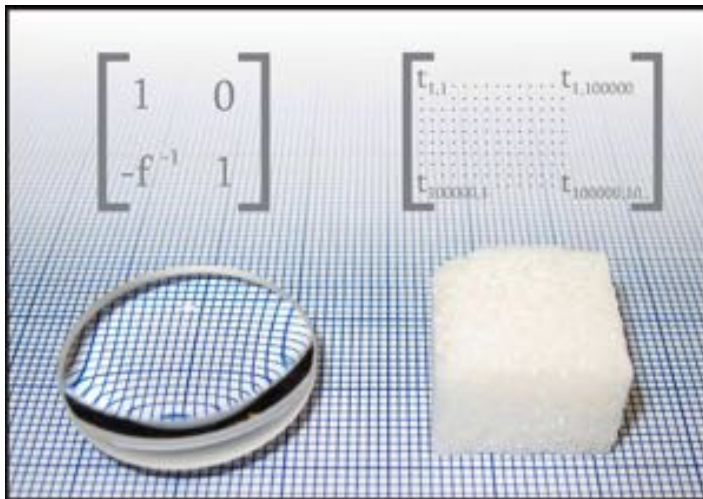
Single scattering



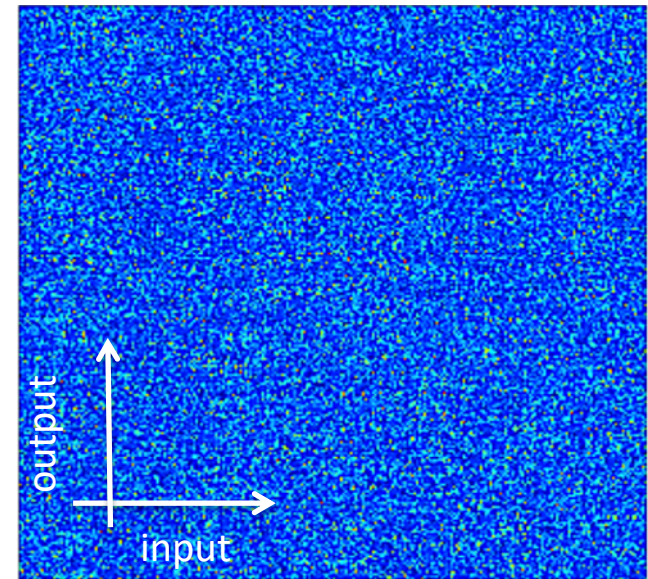
Multiple Scattering



... measuring the transmission matrix



Popoff et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 104,100601 (2010)



Transmission matrix of a complex medium

**Propagation = perfect (random) mixing of information**



**Idea:** borrow from Computer Science to take advantage of disorder

A counter-intuitive lesson from signal processing and information theory

**Randomness can be optimal to analyze information**

Propagation of light through a disordered medium

=

multiplication by a complex i.i.d. random matrix

« Random  
projections »

=

A **universal** operation

Compressive sensing  
Candès and Tao (2006) [>4800  
citations]

Machine Learning  
Huang et al. (2006) [3500 citations]

« randomized » Linear  
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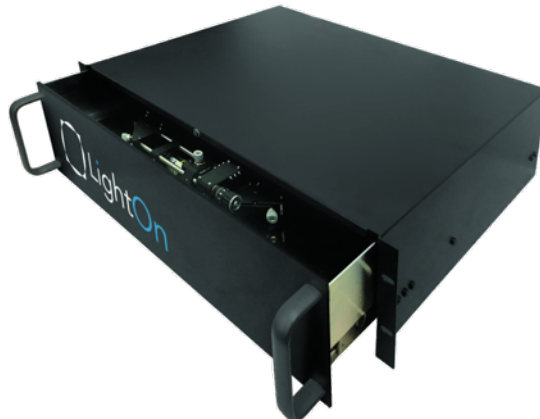
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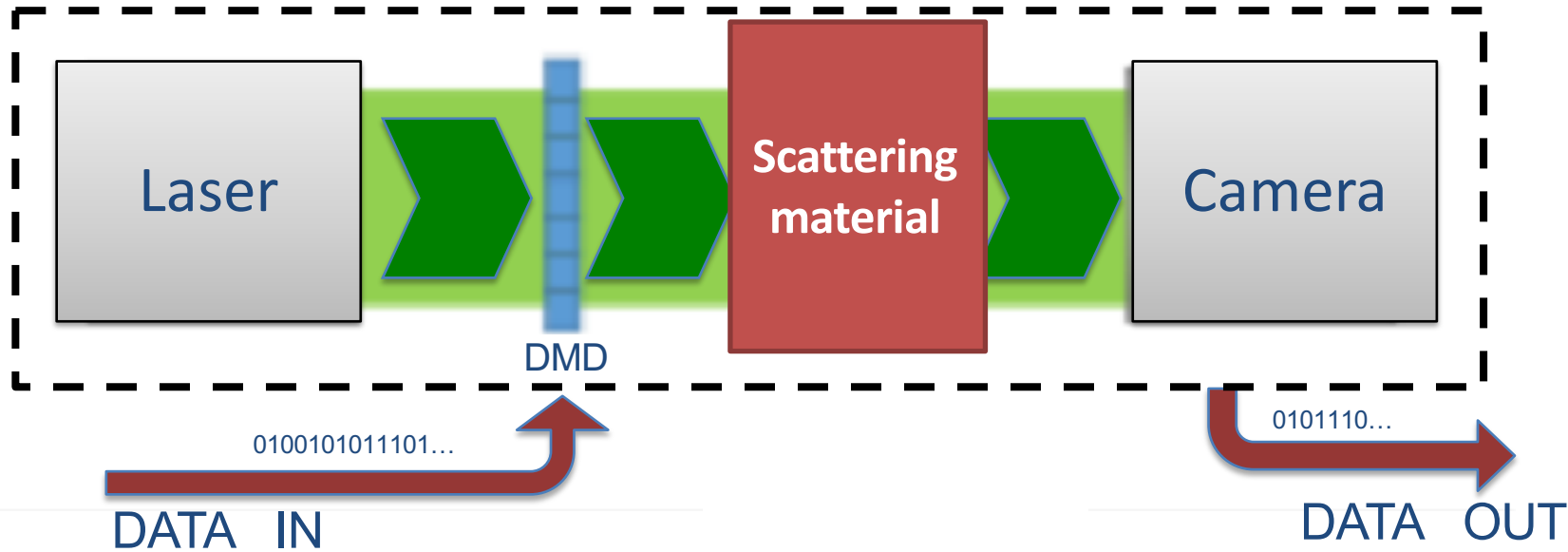
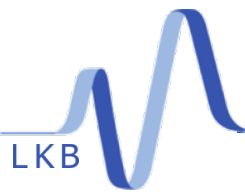
# LightOn

We bring Light to AI



LightOn is a technology company developing novel optics-based computing hardware.





## Why is it interesting ?

**EXTRA-LARGE**

&

**SUPER-FAST**

H of size higher than  
 $10^6 \times 10^6$   
(TBs of memory)

kHz operation  
 $\rightarrow 10^3$  such  
multiplies / s



Equivalent  $10^{15}$  operations / s : You would need a *Peta-scale* computer to do the same !

## What about Q. Supremacy ?

- Same goal
- Different applications
- There is no silver bullet!
- A strong common message : there is an alternative to Silicon

« The world is rapidly running out of computing capacity »

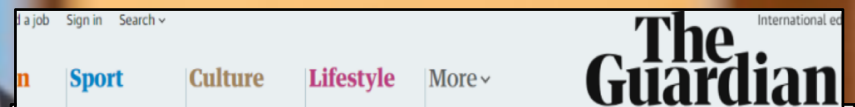
Satya Nadella, CEO Microsoft, Jan'18

## SCALABILITY ?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ak7HPuuJ1Ow>

## SUSTAINABILITY ?

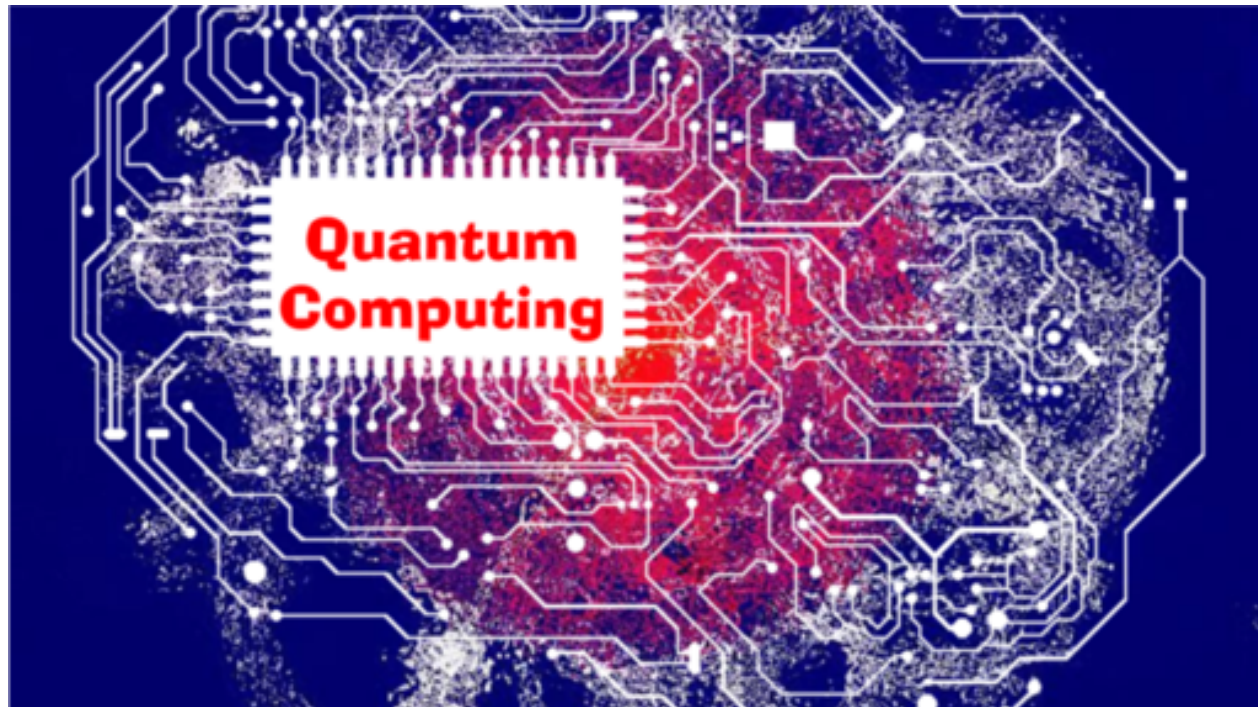


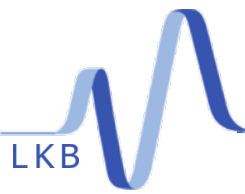
'Tsunami of data' could consume one fifth of global electricity by 2025

11 Dec 2017

Can you do more than classical computing with a complex medium ?

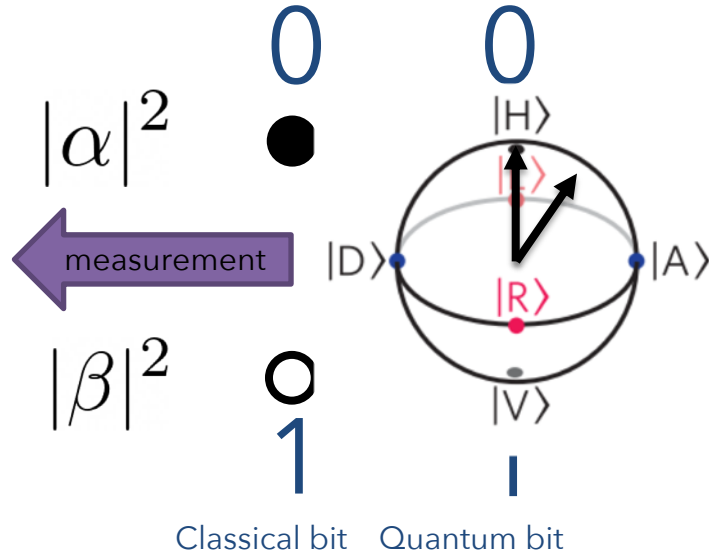
... actually YES





# Photons for quantum information

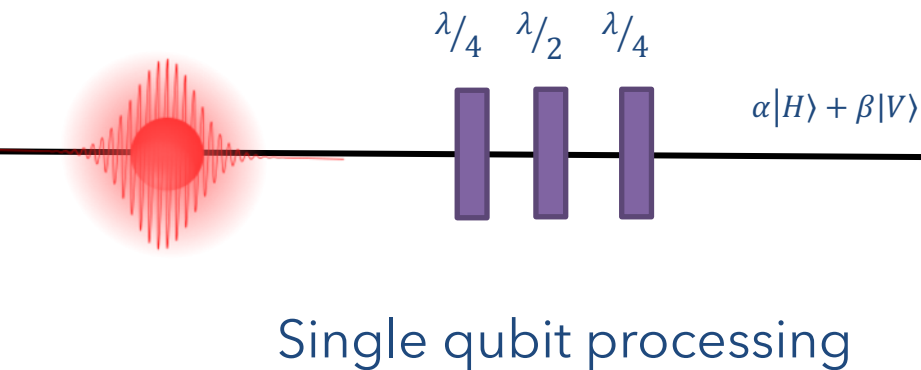
Bits of information can be encoded on optical fields



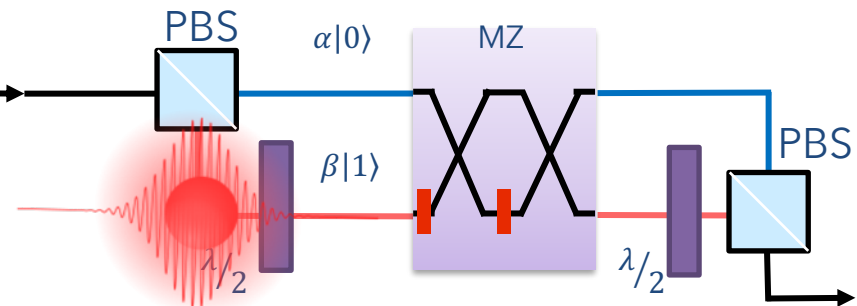
Quantum bit encoded in polarization

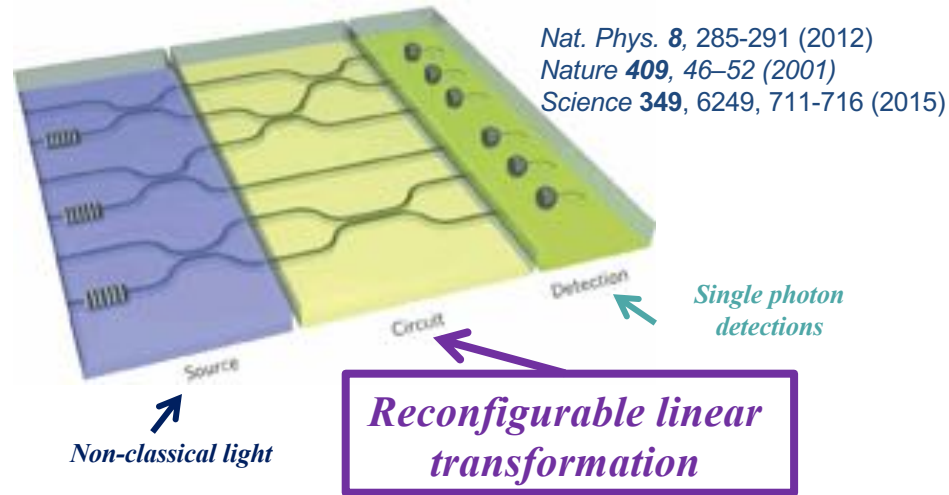


## Single Photons



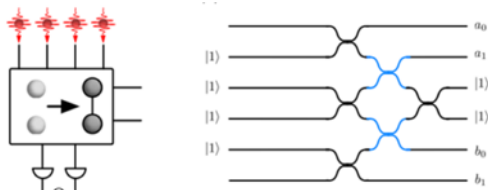
## Polarization to path encoding





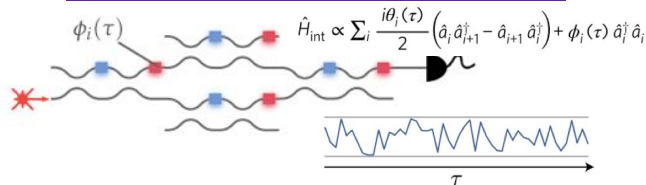
## Several processing tasks on the same platform

### Quantum Computation



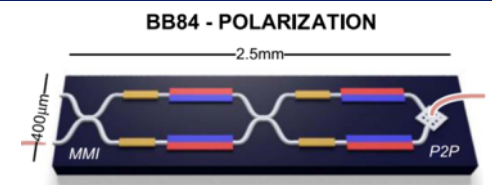
J. Carolan, et al., *Science* **349**, 711-716 (2015)

### Quantum Simulation/ Walk

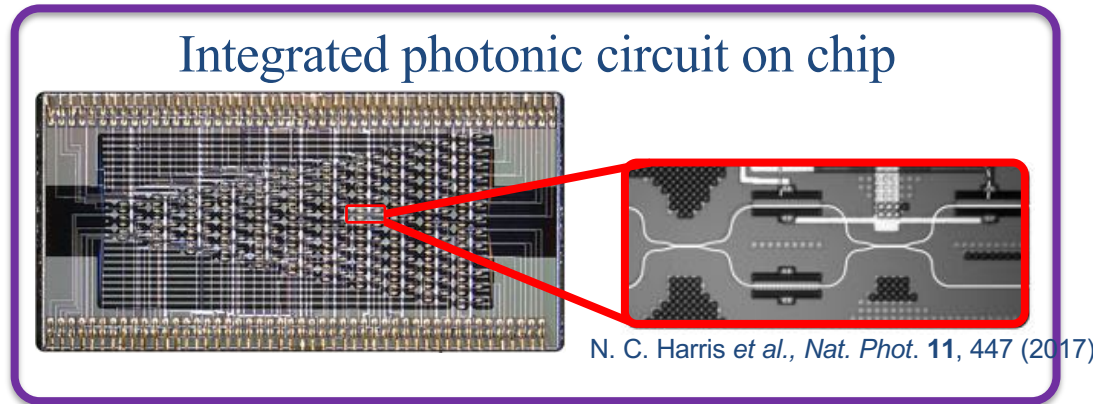
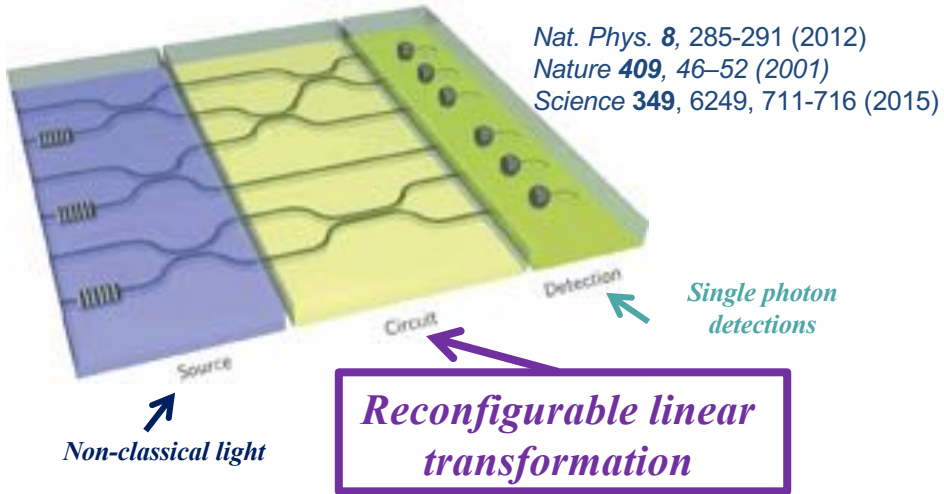


N. C. Harris, et al., *Nat. Phot.* **11**, 447 (2017)

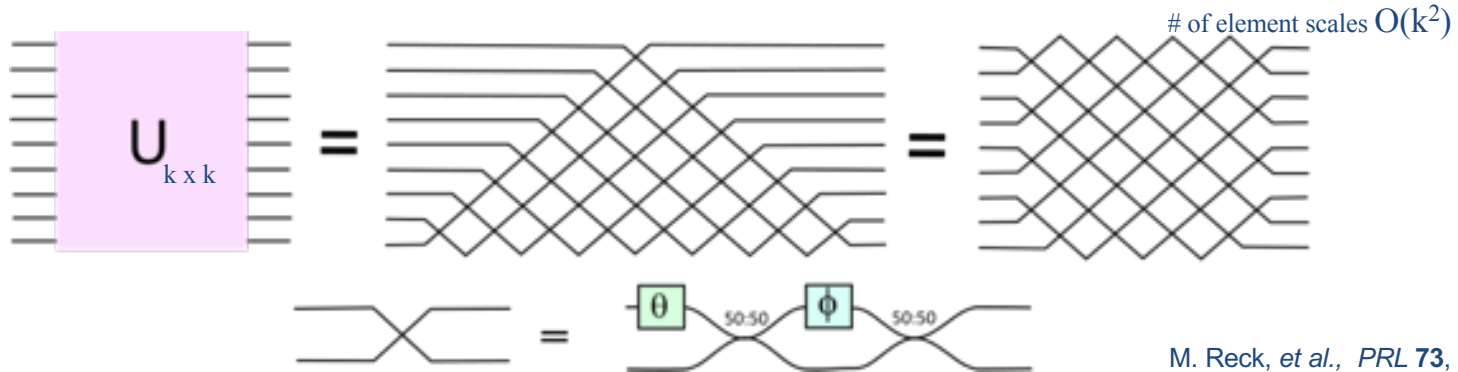
### Quantum Communication



P. Sibson, et al., *Optica* **4**(2), 172 (2017)

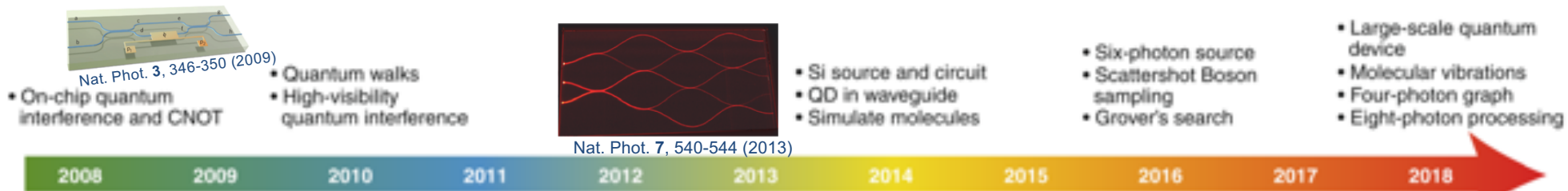


## Cascade of 2 x 2 MZ interferometers

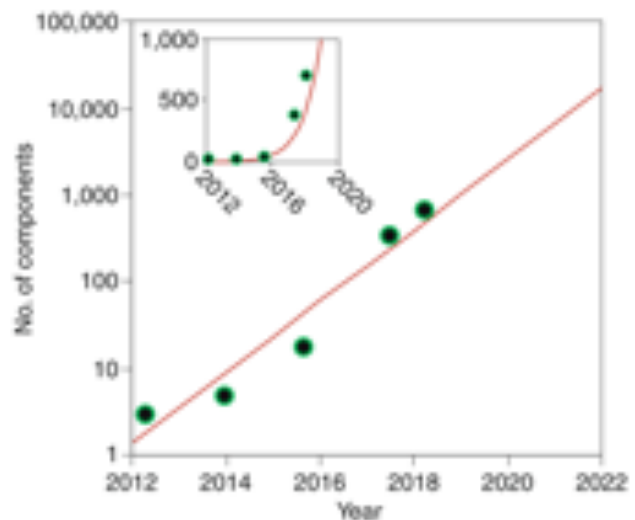


M. Reck, et al., *PRL* **73**, 58 (1994)  
 W.R. Clements, et al., *Optica* **3**, 1460 (2016)





Review: Wang et al., Nat. Phot. (2019)



## Requirements

- Scalability
- Low loss
- Full programmability

Review: Optica **5**, 1623 (2018)

## Limitations

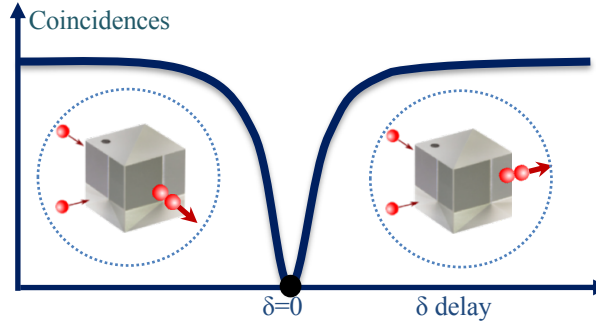
- Rely on single-mode waveguides
- Mixing of a few tens of modes only

## Two-photon interference

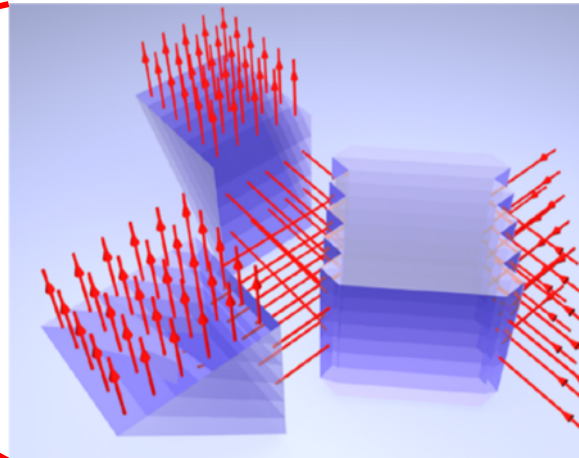
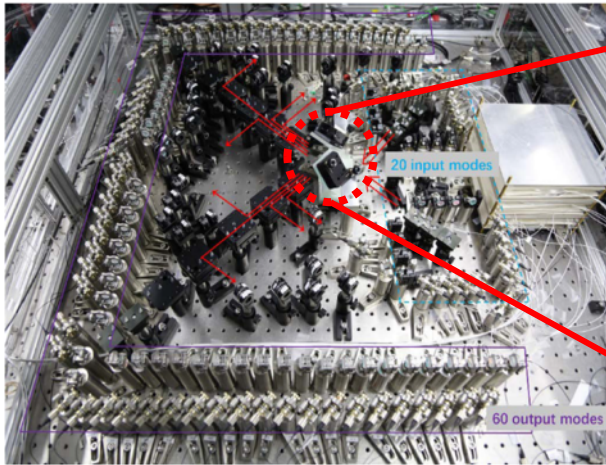
C. K. Hong, Z. Y. Ou, and L. Mandel, *PRL*, **59** (18), 2044 (1987)

$$BS = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\text{Perm} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}|^2 = |ad + bc|^2$$



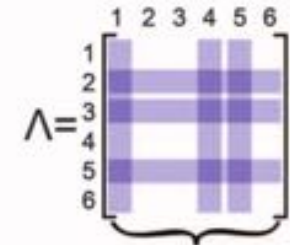
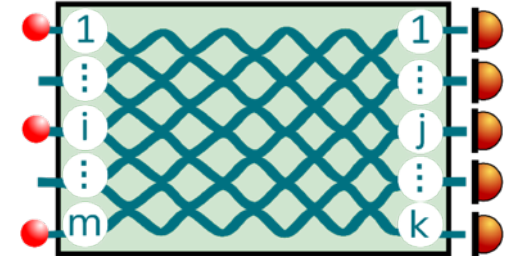
20 single photons fed into 60-mode interferometer



H. Wang, et al., *Arxiv:1910.09930* (to appear in *PRL*)

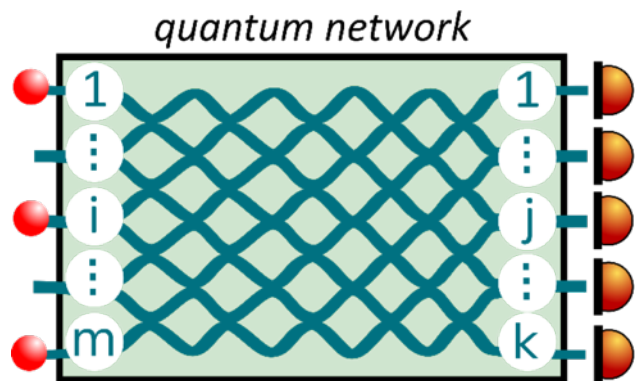
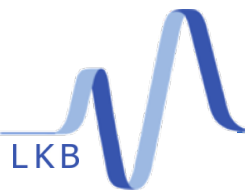
## Boson Sampling

quantum network

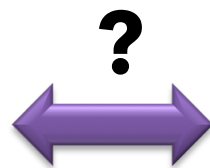


$$P_{|100110\rangle} \propto \left| \text{Per} \begin{bmatrix} \text{grid} \end{bmatrix} \right|^2$$

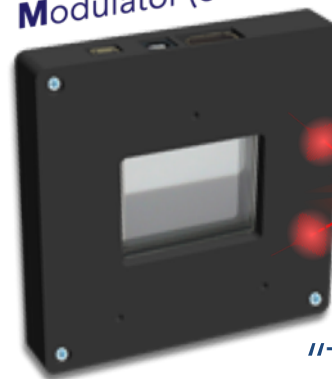
S. Aaronson and A. Arkhipov, *STOC'11* (2011)  
 J. B. Spring, et al., *Science* **339**, 798 (2013)



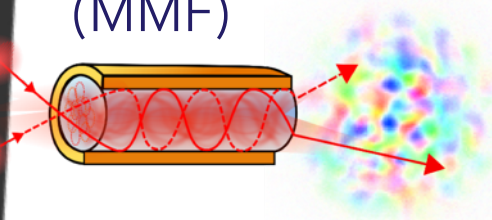
"Bottom-Up design"



Spatial Light Modulator (SLM)



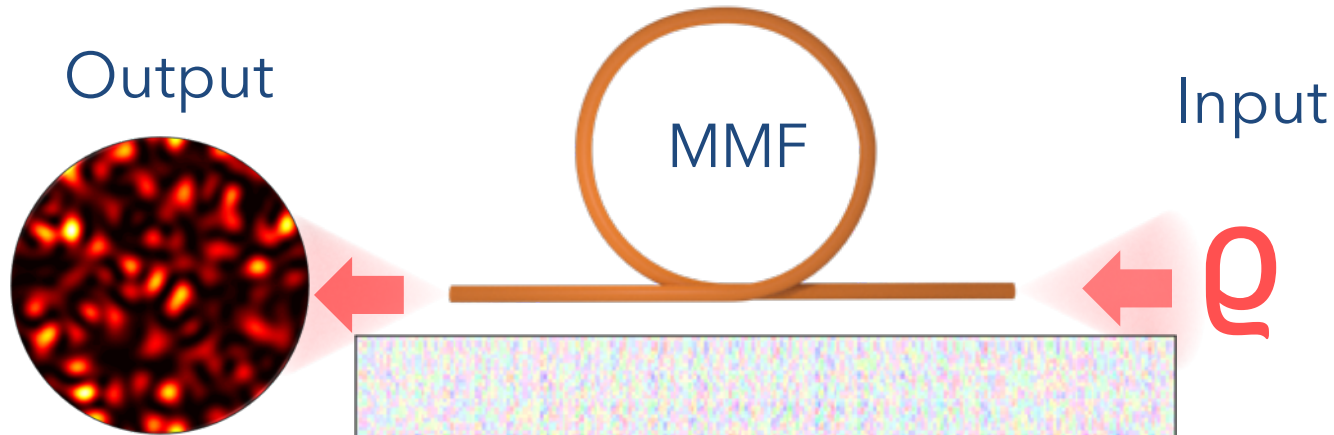
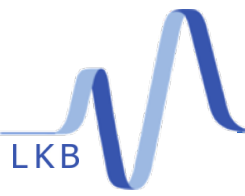
MultiMode Fiber (MMF)



"Top-Down design"

**The goal!**

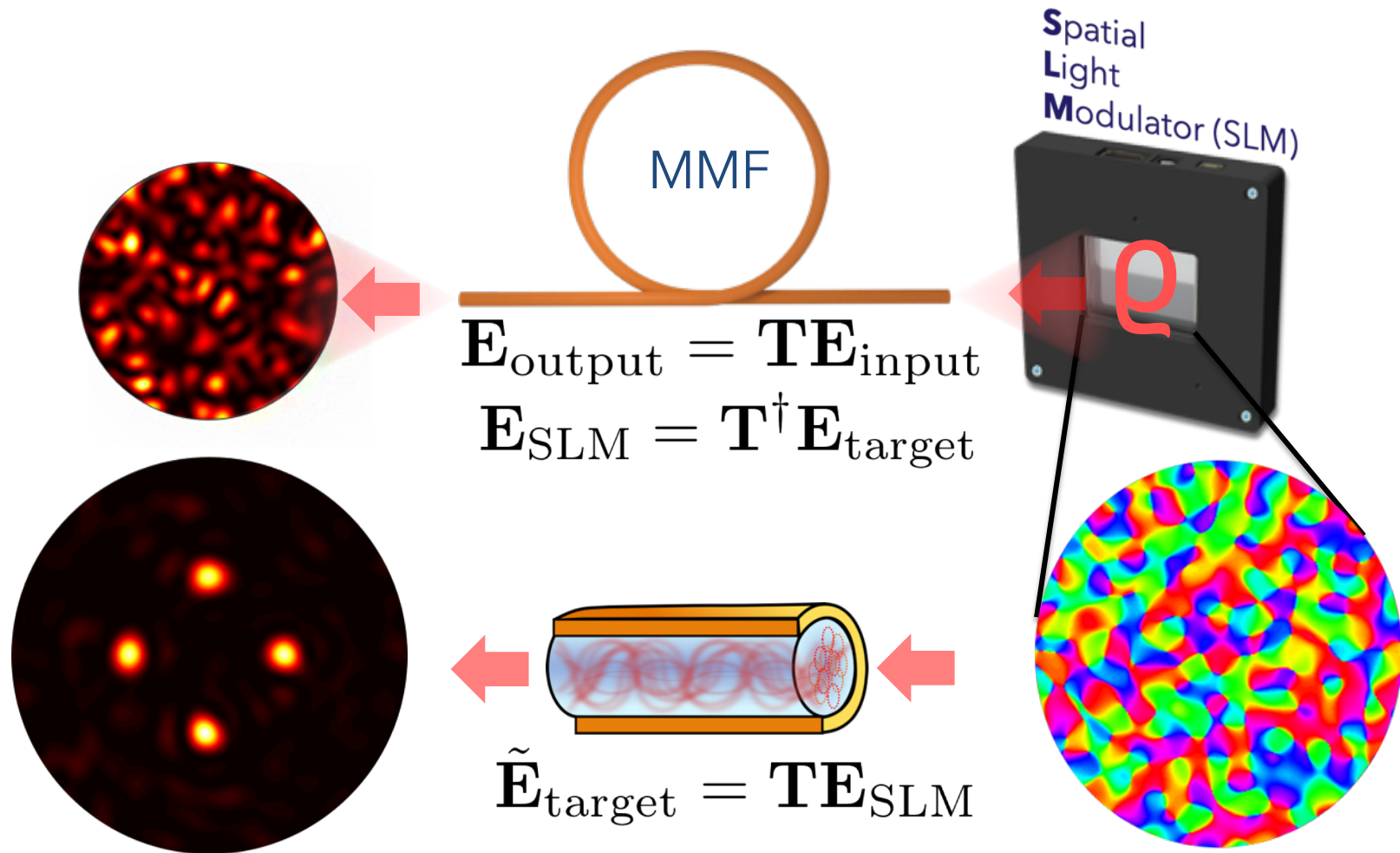
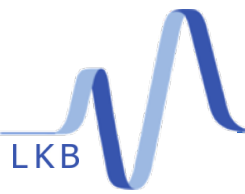
$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{b}_1 \\ \hat{b}_2 \\ \hat{b}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{b}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & L_{12} & L_{13} & \dots & L_{1m} \\ L_{21} & L_{22} & L_{23} & & \\ L_{31} & L_{32} & L_{33} & & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \\ L_{k1} & & & & L_{km} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \hat{a}_1 \\ \hat{a}_2 \\ \hat{a}_3 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{a}_m \end{bmatrix}$$

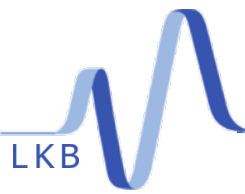


## Transmission Matrix

- Highly complex mixing (spatial & polarization)
- Scalable number of modes (100s)
- Low loss (unitary)

*Ploschner, et al.,  
Nat. Phot. **9**, 529 (2015)  
Flaes, et al.,  
PRL **120**, 233901 (2018)*





# Complex Circuits? Yes we can !



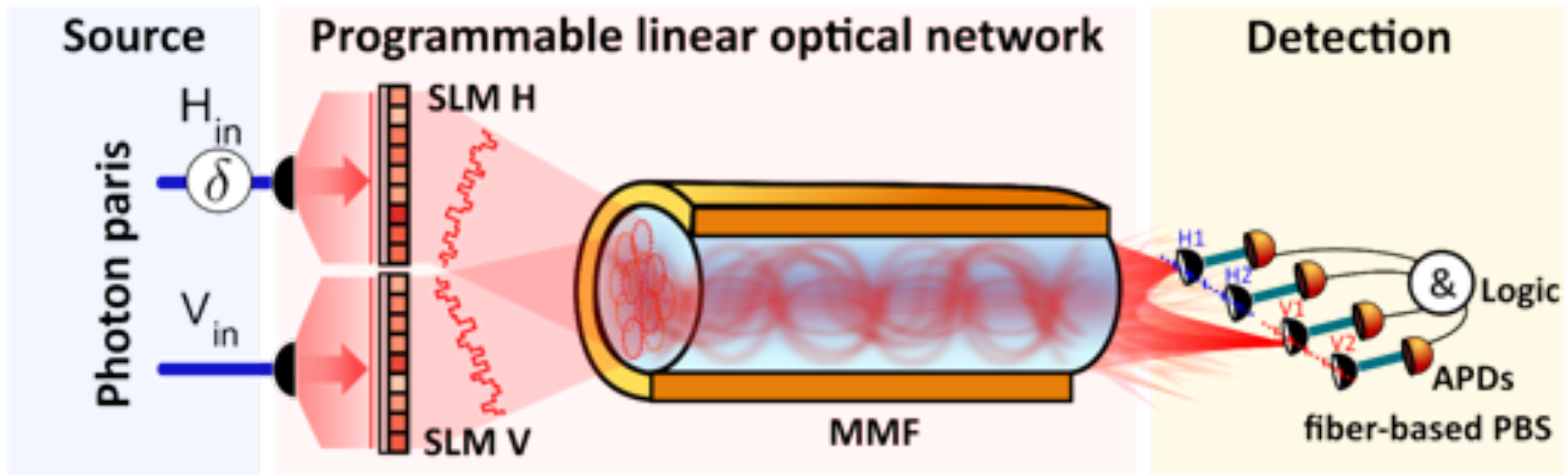
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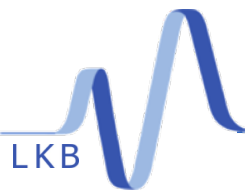
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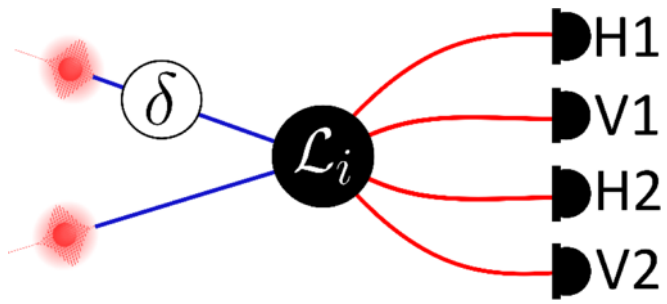
Mauro Paternostro



**We can implement any  $2 \times 4$  transform for 2 photons**  
2 spatial modes  $\times$  2 polarizations



# Some examples of circuits



**Fourier**

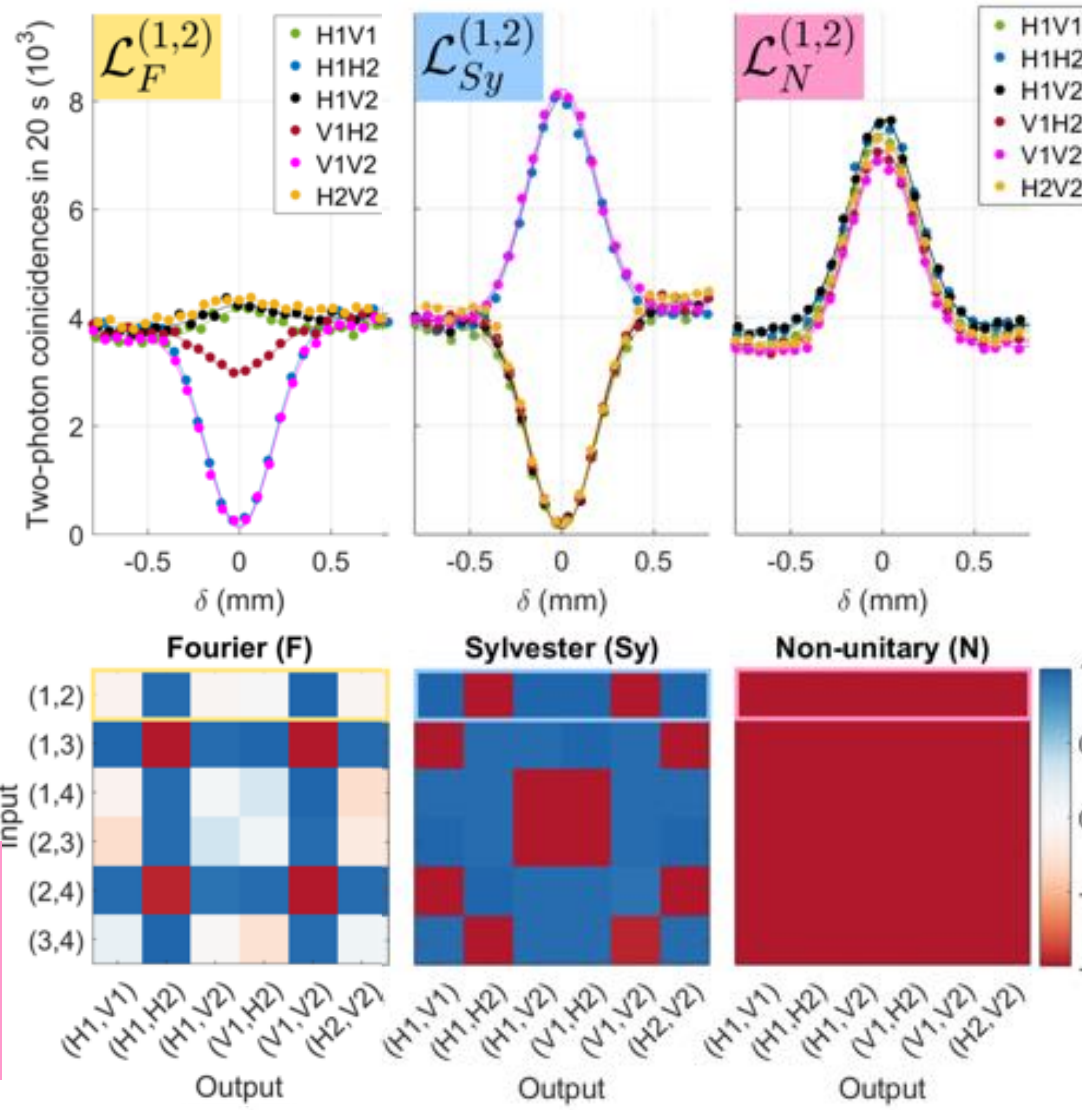
$$U_F = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \end{bmatrix}$$

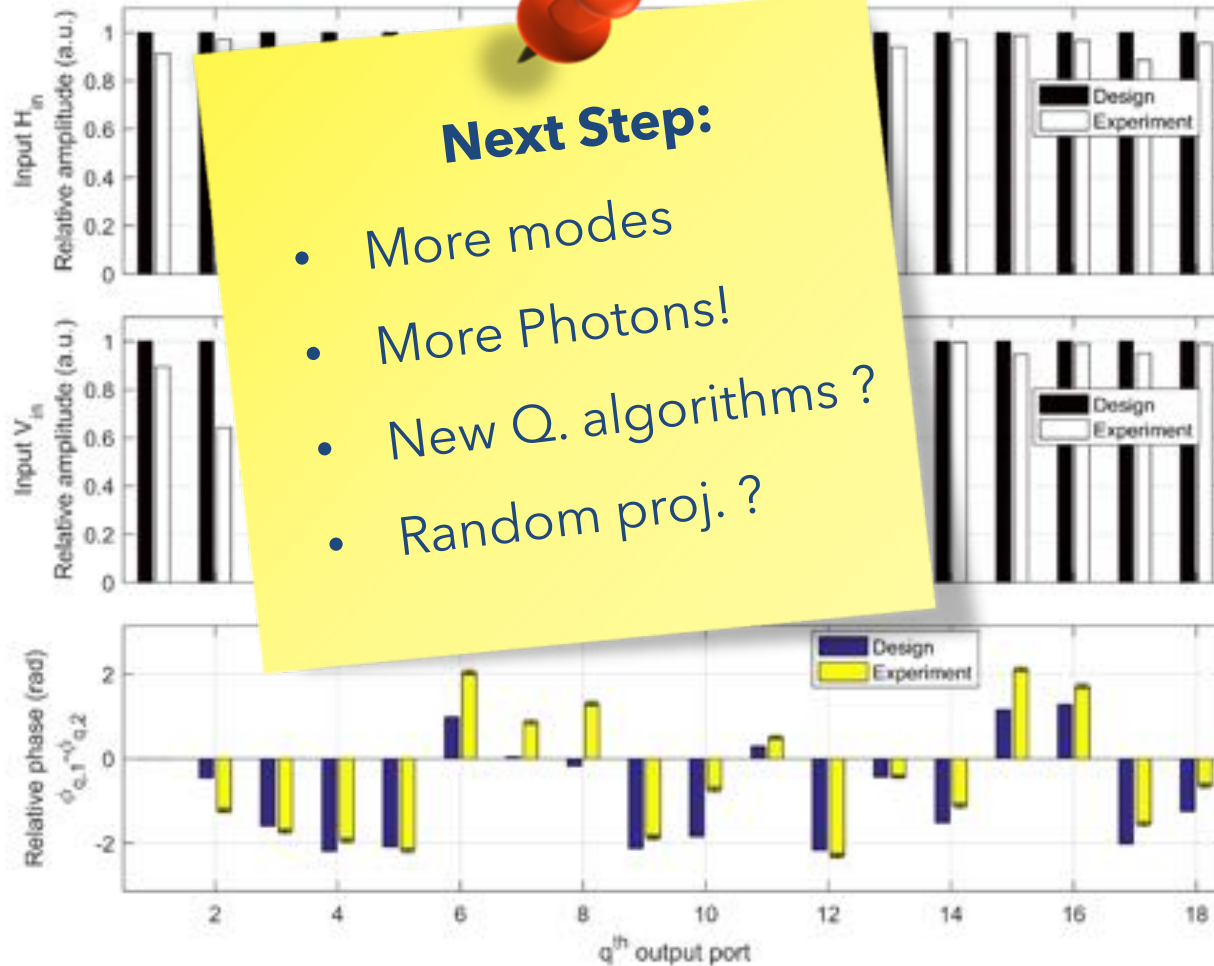
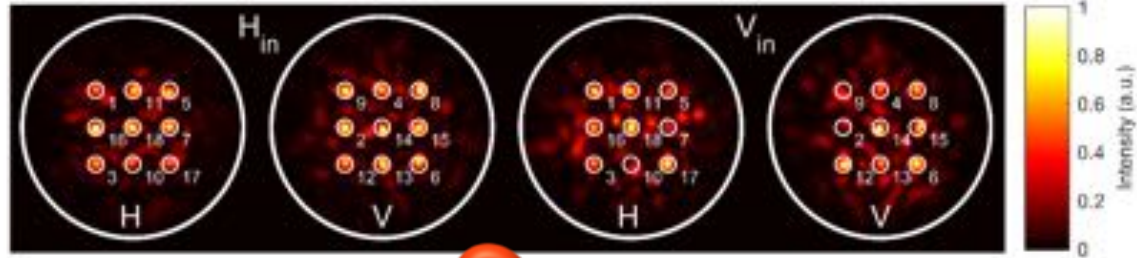
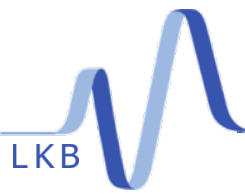
**Sylvester**

$$U_{Sy} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

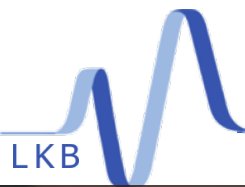
**Non-Unitary**

$$\mathcal{L}_N = \eta \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$









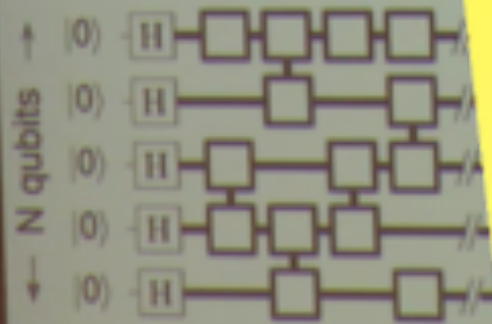
## Validation Algorithm for Quantum Supremacy

- Checks general purpose circuit
- Randomly chosen
  - Sensitive to
  - Complex & d



### What about Q. Supremacy ?

- Quantum supremacy has been demonstrated with **random** circuits!
- There are algorithms based of random circuits in Q. Information
- **Photonics** remain a strong alternative to superconducting, atoms, and ions Qubits
- Need massive investments and R&D efforts (scaling photon numbers)



$$= \langle 2^N p(x_i) - 1 \rangle_i$$

1 perfect match  
0 error

Thanks to my coworkers and collaborators

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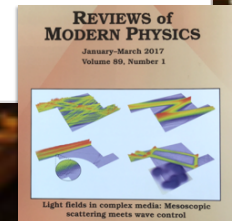
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